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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 5, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we approach this new day, in this new year, serving in this new Congress, keenly aware of the challenges all this newness brings. We have new rules and new colleagues, in some cases new offices, and new decisions, each of which threaten to test our resilience and try our patience.

Remind us then, that on each new morning, we are renewed with Your mercies, grounded in Your steadfast love for us, and inspired by the greatness of Your faithfulness to each of us.

We wait on You, the one who has created this day, to refresh not just our strength, but to renew the spirit of our minds, that so fortified, we would yield ourselves to You throughout the day. Transform our attitudes that we would

not allow our debate, our actions, ourselves to be conformed by any other purpose or perspective than Your own. As we encounter the choices that will be laid before us, give us discernment to know and to do Your will—to seek to do what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to us this new day, we give You thanks.

We pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DEBBIE

WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On January 3, 2021, you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Alcee L. Hastings of the Twentieth District of the State of Florida pursuant to House Resolution 7, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 4, 2021, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, I administered the oath of office to Mr. Hastings. Mr. Hastings took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 3331. I have delivered two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Hastings, to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Florida, the whole number of the House is 431.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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